



March 18, 2003

Ms. Karen Oslund
Mayor, City of Willits
City Hall
111 East Commercial Street
Willits, CA 95490

Re: Northern California River Watch v. City of Willits, et al., United States District
Court for the Northern District of California, Case No. 02-00609 JCS

Dear Ms. Oslund:

We received your letter dated February 13, 2003 concerning our comments to the Court regarding Northern California River Watch v. City of Willits, et al. We appreciate your interest in this issue.

As you know, the Department of Justice and Environmental Protection Agency have a role in overseeing the resolution of citizen suit matters under the Clean Water Act. The United States takes its responsibilities under the statute very seriously and appreciates your concern. Please let us know if you have any additional specific information relating to a citizen suit matter.

Sincerely,

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